



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**HOWARD ROBARD
HUGHES**

PART 8 OF 12

FILE NUMBER : 46-70074

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO. E-20,13

April 8, 1976

TO: Mr. Joseph A. Jackimczyk
 Chief Medical Examiner of Harris County
 Room 208
 301 San Jacinto Street
 Houston, Texas 77002

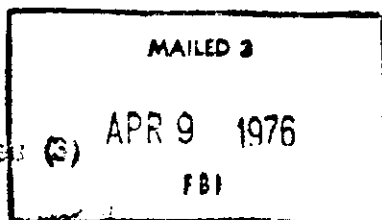
RE: HOWARD HOWARD HUGHES;
 HOUSTON, TEXAS
 IDENTIFICATION MATTER

REFERENCE: Inked fingerprints received by Fingerprint Specialist
 James E. Jenkins in Houston, Texas, on April 7, 1976
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Addressee
 SPECIMENS: Fingerprints of a deceased male, your #NTC-92

A Certificate of Identity setting forth the results of our examination is attached, together with a copy of the fingerprints received and a copy of the fingerprints from our files.

The specimens are being retained.

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Clarence M. Kelley, Director

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LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 4-8-76 2:18 p.m bfg

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Received: 4-8-76

Answer to: Dr. Joseph A. Jachimczyk, Chief Medical Examiner for Harris
County, Room 209, 301 San Jacinto Street, Houston, Texas 77002.

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to: SAC, Houston

RE: HOWARD ROBARD HUGHES;
HOUSTON, TEXAS
IDENTIFICATION MATTERDate of reference communication: Inked fingerprints received in Houston, Texas
Specimens: on 4-7-76 by Fingerprint Specialist [REDACTED]

Two cards bearing inked fingerprints, Your #N76-92

of a deceased male

Result of examination:

Examination by: Jenkins

Evidence noted by:

Prints fr deceased male morgue #N76-92, taken by Horace G
Tucker, witnessed by Dr Jachimczyk & prints Howard Robard
Hughes, printed 6/25/42 # 42-L.A.B. application for position
of pilot, Lockheed Aircraft Corp., FBI # 2702851.

Specs returned

AS VERIFIED

Examination completed

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April 9, 1976

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY

I hereby certify that I am one of the assistant custodians to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, who is the official custodian of fingerprints on file in the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I further certify that the fingerprints of a deceased male, recorded on the sixth day of April, 1976, at the morgue of the Methodist Hospital, Harris County, Houston, Texas, morgue #N76-92, by Horace G. Tucker and witnessed by Dr. Joseph A. Jachlinczyk, have been compared by me, a qualified fingerprint expert on duty as such in this Bureau, with the fingerprints of Howard Robard Hughes, taken on the twenty-fifth day of June, 1942, in connection with an application for the position of pilot with the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, bearing the number 42-L.A.B., on file in this Bureau, and that these prints and other fingerprints contained in the files of this Bureau, under file #2702851, are those of one and the same person.

Copies of the two aforementioned fingerprint cards,
bearing my initials in the upper right-hand corner, are attached.

James E. Jenkins
(Signature)
James E. Jenkins
Assistant Custodian
For the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington
District of Columbia

Before me this 9th day of April, 1976,
James E. Jenkins has appeared and signed
this affidavit first having sworn that the statements made therein
are true.

My commission expires 12-30-78

Ann Lee Balaban
Notary Public in and for the
District of Columbia

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Dear Clarence:

I want to thank you for your prompt and effective response to our request for the assistance of the FBI in securing the proper identification of the body of Howard Hughes. The efficient and highly professional way in which you and your staff moved into action and completed the job is an excellent measure of the fine quality of the investigative work of the FBI.

We at Treasury appreciate very much your assistance, and I would like you to pass on my personal thanks to those of your staff who contributed to this effort.

With best personal wishes,

Sincerely yours,

William E. Simon

The Honorable
Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, D.C. 20535

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(HUGHES-PRINT)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE FBI WEDNESDAY SAID IT HAS IDENTIFIED FINGERPRINTS TAKEN FROM A BODY BY A MEDICAL EXAMINER IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH THOSE OF BILLIONAIRE HOWARD HUGHES. THE FBI SAID IT MADE THE FINGERPRINT COMPARISON AT THE REQUEST OF TREASURY SECRETARY WILLIAM SIMON. SIMON HAD ASKED INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AGENTS IN HOUSTON TO FORWARD A SET OF THE PRINTS FOR "THE OBVIOUS TAX IMPLICATIONS."

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 WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

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April 9, 1976

Honorable Donald C. Alexander
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20224

Dear Mr. Alexander:

In response to your request of me on April 7, 1976, that the FBI confirm by fingerprint comparison the identity of Howard Robert Hughes, the enclosed Certificate of Identity sets forth confirmation of that fact.

Fingerprint Specialist [REDACTED] conducted the comparison from the fingerprints made available to the FBI by the Office of the Medical Examiner, Harris County, Houston, Texas, their #176-92, which were fingerprints of a deceased male recorded by Mr. Horace G. Tucker, Investigator, Office of the Medical Examiner. These fingerprints were recorded in the presence of: Dr. Joseph A. Jachimczyk, Chief Medical Examiner, Harris County, Houston, Texas; Dr. Jack L. Titus, Chief Pathologist, and Mr. Ray Henderson, Autopsy Technician, both of whom are associated with the Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas.

Copies of this letter and Certificate of Identity are being furnished to Mr. Robert M. McKeever and Harold Friedman, Esq.

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Honorable Donald C. Alexander

**A Certificate of Identity is also being furnished to
the Office of the Medical Examiner, Harris County, Houston,
Texas.**

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley

**Clarence M. Kelley
Director**

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Robert M. McKeever
District Director
Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Department of the Treasury
300 East 8th Street
Austin, Texas 78701**
- 1 - Harold Friedman, Esq.
Assistant Regional Counsel
Internal Revenue Service
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Honorable Clarence M. Kelley
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Howard Robert Hughes

Thank you for your letter of April 9 and the enclosures.

All of us greatly appreciate your most prompt and most efficient actions in this important matter. These reflect credit upon the fine organization that you so ably head.

With thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Don Alexander
Donald C. Alexander

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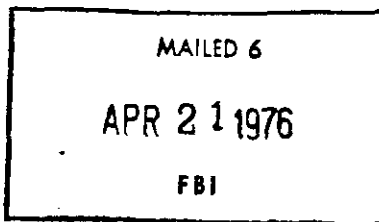
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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of April 9th, a comparison made by officials of this Bureau indicates there is no doubt that the fingerprints turned over to the FBI are identical to those previously on file in our Identification Division of Edward Hughes. Further details regarding Mr. Hughes' death and the attending physician should be obtained from the hospital to which he was taken and the coroner responsible for certifying his death.

The FBI's scope of investigative authority does not extend beyond the confines of the United States and its possessions and at no time do we prosecute anyone. Prosecutive action for violations of Federal law is the responsibility of the United States Attorney.



Sincerely yours,

Q. M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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April 9, 1976

Dear Mr. Kelley,

For the past twelve years, I have researched various conspiracies committed inside the USA by Federal employees and agents.

The Howard Hughes case tops them all because of its lasting affect upon our society for generations to come. Defence

Will you please provide me with the following information.

Dr. Joseph W. Jackimczyk took fingerprints from the body in Houston, Texas, that was allegedly Howard Hughes.

1) Who was present with Dr. Joseph W. Jackimczyk when this print was taken?

2) How many persons were in the room when the print was taken?

3) Do you have their names?

4) What country was Dr. S. Jackimczyk born in?

5) What time did he enter the United States?

6) How long has he been at the hospital in Houston?

The Fingerprints arrived in the FBI office in Washington, D.C.

1) HOW MANY AGENTS EXAMINED THEM?

2) Do you have their names? May I have them, or the documents?

3) How long have they been with the FBI?

4) Would you allow non-government experts on fingerprints to come to the FBI offices to confirm your findings?

The fingerprints of Howard Hughes allegedly matched a Hughes application "in the 1930's".

1) Would you provide the exact date on the application?

Somebody was impersonating Howard Hughes, signing his name in Mexico, which was a forgery. If they didn't have power of attorney, are you going to prosecute for this?

If persons inside the Howard Hughes empire come forth and prove that he did, indeed, pass away several years ago.... will your witnesses, Dr. Jackimczyk and the FBI agent in DC who identified the prints as Hughes be prosecuted?

No more Watergates, Mr. Kelley.
Please answer these for me.

Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

In response to your letter of April 25th, with enclosures, regarding the recent fingerprint identification of Mr. Howard Hughes, this is to advise that all information we are able to provide you was contained in my letter of April 21st.

I regret that we are unable to be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

- 1 - Houston - Enclosures (3)
- 1 - San Francisco - Enclosures (3)
- 1 - Mr. Ash - Enclosures (3)

Attention: Mr. [REDACTED]

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NOTE: Assistance for this response was provided by the Identification Division. Bufiles did not reflect any derogatory information regarding correspondent.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: May 6, 1976

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN *nc*

SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM INTERTEL, WASHINGTON, D. C.
REGARDING WILL OF HOWARD HUGHES

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[REDACTED] the Intertel [REDACTED] Organization in Washington, telephonically contacted the writer. He advised that Intertel is on a retainer of the Summa Corporation, one of the subsidiaries of the Hughes Industries dynasty and he had received information that the FBI had offered to be of assistance in determining the validity of the will left in the Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City reporting that to be of Howard Hughes. He wondered if there was any credence to this. *b7c*

After making inquiry of the Divisions that would be knowledgeable had such an offer been made and also after determining one division having had contact with Las Vegas, [REDACTED] was informed that there was no credence to this proposition of our offer of assistance in this matter inasmuch as we had no jurisdiction. *b7c*

The SAC at Las Vegas had indicated he had received an inquiry from [REDACTED] the San Hotel in Las Vegas after the publicity of the surfacing of this will as to whether or not there might be a violation involved in the event the will were a forgery. [REDACTED] was informed it was doubtful that a will would fall within the provisions of the Interstate Stolen Property Act after researching the applicable statutes and consulting with the United States Attorney. Knowing that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were both former employees, I mentioned this to [REDACTED] in order to clarify this aspect of the matter with him and definitely pointed out we had no investigative jurisdiction involving the will in the event this had been the source prompting his inquiry of FBI Headquarters. *b7c*

The above is submitted for information.

- 1 - Mr. Adams
 - 1 - Mr. Jenkins
 - 1 - Mr. Cochran
 - 1 - Mr. Gallagher
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TO DIRECTOR

LAS VEGAS

FROM LOS ANGELES

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY; IDENTIFICATION DIVISION; OFFICE OF
LEGAL COUNSEL.

EXAMINATION OF WILL OF HOWARD HUGHES BY FBI LABORATORY.
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL CALL TODAY.

ON MAY 24, 1976, MR. HAROLD RODEN, ATTORNEY FOR NOEL
DIETRICH, A FORMER HUGHES EMPLOYEE WHO HAS BEEN NAMED AS
EXECUTOR OF THE HUGHES ESTATE IN THE FIRST HOWARD HUGHES
WILL BROUGHT TO PUBLIC ATTENTION, CONTACTED THE LOS ANGELES
OFFICE AND STATED THAT HIS OFFICE WAS DESIROUS OF HAVING
THE HOWARD HUGHES WILL IN QUESTION EXAMINED FOR LATENT
FINGERPRINTS AND FOR EXAMINATION OF THE POSTAL METER MARK
ON THE ENVELOPE.

RODEN STATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO DETERMINE IF AN IODINE
FUME PROCESS OR OTHER SUCH TYPE PROCESS COULD BE USED ON THE
WILL SUCCESSFULLY TO DEVELOP LATENT FINGERPRINTS WITHOUT
INJURING OR CHANGING THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURE OF THE DOCUMENT

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LEGAL COUNSEL
JUN 10 1976
J.F.P.

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JC:bm 5/27/76

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RODEN ADVISED THAT THE JUDGE HEARING THE CASE HAS ADVISED HE WILL ALLOW SUCH AN EXAMINATION ONLY IF A GUARANTEE CAN BE MADE THAT THE DOCUMENT WILL NOT BE INJURED.

RODEN STATED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE FBI HAD THE MOST CREDIBILITY AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND THE MOST EXPERTISE IN EXAMINATIONS OF THIS KIND AND, THEREFORE, WOULD LIKE THE FBI TO CONDUCT THE EXAMINATION, IF POSSIBLE.

RODEN STATED THAT THE WILL ITSELF WAS DATED MARCH 19, 1968, AND WAS WRITTEN ON YELLOW LINED LEGAL SIZED PAPER. THE PAPER DOES NOT APPEAR OLD. THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE WILL APPEARS OXIDIZED AROUND THE EDGES, AND THERE IS A POSTAL METER MARK OF A SIX CENT STAMP PLACED DIRECTLY ACROSS THE FLAP OF THE ENVELOPE AS IF IT WERE MEANT TO BE A SEAL OR A DATING DEVICE. THE ENVELOPE WAS NEVER MAILED NOR WAS IT ADDRESSED.

MR. RODEN WAS ADVISED THAT ORDINARILY THE SERVICES OF THE FBI LABORATORY ARE RESTRICTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OR TO MATTERS OVER WHICH THE FBI HAS JURISDICTION. HE STATED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY FEDERAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER OTHER THAN A STANDPOINT OF HOW MUCH TAX THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD COLLECT FROM THE ESTATE, BUT HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT THE WILL IS A FORGERY.

MR. RODEN WAS ADVISED THE MATTER WOULD BE PRESENTED TO BIRMINGHAM FOR CONSIDERATION AND THAT A DECISION COULD POSSIBLY BE OBTAINED BY MAY 25, 1976.

FOR INFO LAS VEGAS WHERE WILL BEING PROBATED.

END

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CC - *Adm. L.*

1 - Mr. Adams
1 - Mr. Jenkins
1 - Mr. Ash

May 27, 1976

1 - Mr. Gallagher
1 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Mr. Cochran
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

REQUEST TO EXAMINE WILL OF
HOWARD R. HUGHES

The Los Angeles Office of this Bureau is in receipt of a request from Mr. Harold Roden, attorney for Noah Dietrich, a former Hughes employee, who has been named as executor of the Hughes estate in the first alleged Howard Hughes will brought to public attention. Mr. Roden advised his office is desirous of having the will examined for latent fingerprints and also desires an analysis of the postal meter mark appearing on the envelope in which the will was received. He advised that the judge in Las Vegas who is hearing this case has stated he will allow such an examination only if a guarantee can be made the document will not be injured.

It is our policy to conduct Laboratory examinations in civil matters only if the United States is a party in interest. This policy is based on the fact we do not have the resources available to handle the volume of examinations that could be expected were civil matters accepted and that we lack jurisdiction to provide these services except to recognized law enforcement agencies in criminal matters only. We have, upon occasion, provided testimony in civil proceedings concerning examinations previously conducted in criminal matters; however, each time with the prior concurrence of the Department.

The will in question here is one of several that have surfaced to date. While the request in this case comes from an attorney for one of the interested parties, it is quite possible that future requests could be received in this matter from the court of jurisdiction, Clark County, Las Vegas, Nevada or any of a number of other involved parties. Since the Government may have some interest in this matter from the standpoint of tax revenues, we would like to know if the Department desires the FBI to examine the various wills in question, and particularly, if the Department feels Mr. Roden's request should be honored.

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The Attorney General

I want to assure you we have no desire to be drawn into this matter unless it is in the best interest of the Federal Government. Mr. Roden has been advised of our policy regarding the conduct of examinations in civil cases as set out above. He has also been advised that his request is being discussed with the Department.

**1 - Assistant Attorney General
Tax Division**

NOTE:

By teletype 5/24/76 (attached), LA advised of receipt of request for Laboratory and Identification examinations. Director and Mr. Adams instructed AG be advised of receipt of request and his advice sought with request for any indication of current Federal interest. LA advised by teletype 5/25/76 to inform Roden of examination policy and request being discussed with Department of Justice.

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TO SACS LOS ANGELES
LAS VEGAS

1 - Mr. Adams
1 - Mr. Cochran

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

REQUEST TO EXAMINE WILL OF
HOWARD R. HUGHES

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE 5/24/76, ADVISING OF REQUEST
FROM ATTORNEY FOR NOEL DIETRICH FOR FBI LABORATORY AND
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION EXAMINATION OF WILL NAMING
DIETRICH EXECUTOR. THIS CONFIRMS INFORMATION
TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED SAC RAMPTON THIS DATE.

RODEN SHOULD BE ADVISED FBI DOES NOT CONDUCT
EXAMINATIONS OF EVIDENCE IN CIVIL MATTERS UNLESS THE
UNITED STATES IS A PARTY IN INTEREST. HE SHOULD BE
ADVISED THAT IN VIEW OF NOTORIETY OF ~~Case~~ MATTER,
CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS IS BEING DISCUSSED WITH
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND YOU WILL BE ADVISED OF
RESULTS UPON RECEIPT.

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NOTE: Letter being prepared to Attorney General asking for advice
and any indication of Federal interest relating to this matter. This
communication being sent at Rampton request. Is confirmation of
instructions furnished.

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TELETYPE

June 19, 1976

Chief Clarence Kelly
FBI Justice Dept.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I am [redacted] in 1975 (first part) Howard Hughes called me and ask that I meet him the next day at San Francisco, Cal, Airport. This I did and on seeing Howard he h d really aged, and was trembly, and shaky. We visited for a lenth of time and he handed me an envelope and asked me to keep it and I would know when the time was right for me to get it to Court Clerk in Las Vegas, Nevada. You are wondering about now how did I know Howard Hughes, we were young people growing up—me in the poor section across the tracks, he in the rich section. One day his mother saved me from a group of well to do boys that were beating me up, she became my very best and dearest friend. That is how I knew Howard Hughes.

When I begin to read about all the Hughes Will it suddenly dawned on me that I could be holding the legal will. I called the FBI here and asked to speak with Mr. Bates, I haven't been able to reach him, but another gentleman there answered my question, that if I opened this envelope would I be in trouble and he said I would not be.

My concern now, and I do hope you can and will help me. I am sure Summa corporation will be the trouble behind Howard's Will, as they are continuing on as if he (Howard) was still alive—this is not as it should be. In talking with Howard he told me that at his death all of his companies, securities and assests would have to be sold, and since he had formed Summa Corp. it would also have to not exist. Yesterday a lawyer in Las Angeles, Cal. called me and we talked a long time. In our conversation he told me I didn't want Corporations. I do, because Howard had told me. He (lawyer) said there was a Board of Director's, yes Howard was the top man, then a Mr Gary ex.vice -Pres. and Mrs. Hedly.. So I said if the people at Summa can continue in the business then I wanted to go there and take my share—I should not have said that because he became very definite and it was time to stop talking. He said EX-104

I would like to learn more about Summa, directors, the running of it and how much money has been made in these last three months. When Howard was in Mexico he never signed his name or anything. It was as if he was already dead. Howard asked me to see that his taxes were paid, in the Will I have he has given me the authority to take over, take an inventory to see just how much money there will be, Howard seem to think it would be over two billion dollars. He asked me to take over the penthouse of the Desert Inn and have my headquarters there until I could get things going. He did not want his estate to lay wasting away while only a few can use it—(Summa).


He remembered me very, very well—he said for the devotion and love I gave his parents. he asked I be the exectuix, and take the Will to Probate. The lawyer that called yesterday said I did not have the right to do this just send a copy of what I am holding to him. I have admired you very much since you have been the Chief of FBI. I like the way you come right out speaking from the shoulders. Please send me some information. I was to be in Vegas by July 4

CORRESPONDENCE

He wanted me to go in style and he had told me Sur would have to send checks to me.

I am lost and need your help,

Most Sincerely,


I have forgotten the most important thing, how can they use Howards ~~from~~ money for F.B.I. to send people out, handwriting experts etc. If they can use F.B.I. — why can't I?

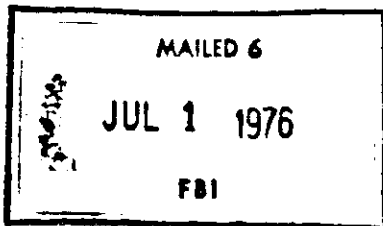
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July 1, 1976

Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of June 19th, the FBI Laboratory conducts examinations only for duly authorized law enforcement and governmental agencies in connection with investigations being handled by them. We are not conducting any examinations in connection with the signature of Howard Hughes.



Sincerely yours,

G. M. Kelley
 Clarence M. Kelley
 Director

NOTE: Based on available information, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Above response discussed with Laboratory Division.

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1 - Mr. Ash
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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: Director, FBI

EXAMINATION OF WILL
OF HOWARD R. HUGHES BY
FBI LABORATORY - INFORMATION
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Reurtel May 24, 1976.

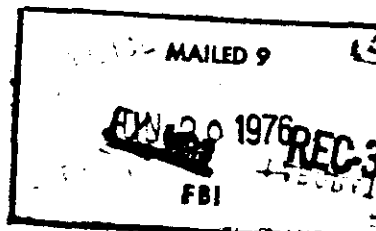
The Attorney General advised by letter dated
June 21, 1976, that Bureau involvement in the matter of the
HUGHES will would be premature at this time.

Los Angeles advise Attorney Harold Roden that in
accordance with the Attorney General's decision no Document
examination or latent fingerprint examination can be conducted
of the will by the FBI Laboratory or Identification Division
at this time.

2 - Las Vegas

NOTE: By teletype May 24, 1976, Los Angeles advised of
request for Laboratory identification examinations. Director
and Mr. Adams instructed Attorney General be advised of
receipt of request and his advice sought with request for any
indication of current federal interest. By letter May 27, 1976,
the Director advised the Attorney General of the request and
the Bureau's policy regarding examination of evidence in civil
matters. By letter June 21, 1976 the Attorney General advised
involvement by the Bureau in the HUGHES will matter would be
premature at this time.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 21, 1976

FROM : Attorney General *z*

SUBJECT: Howard Hughes Will

Howard R Hughes

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The Bureau memorandum to me of May 27, 1976, raised the question of whether the Bureau laboratory should examine an alleged will of Howard Hughes. I have been advised by Assistant Attorney General Crampton of the Tax Division that Bureau involvement in the matter would be premature at this time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. MC DERMOTT

DATE: 9-8-76

FROM : R. H. Ash

SUBJECT: HOWARD ROBARD HUGHES
IDENTIFICATION MATTER

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PURPOSE: This memorandum is to recommend we accede to a request from the Attorney General, Texas, for certified copies of fingerprint cards of Howard Hughes, which show Texas as a listed residence of Hughes.

DETAILS: On 9-7-76, Fingerprint Specialist James E. Jenkins, who effected the identification of the fingerprints obtained from Hughes' body with known prints in our files in April, 1976, received a telephone call from Bert W. Pluymen, Special Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Post Office Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711, who requested that the Identification Division furnish certified copies of any fingerprint cards contained in the Identification Division's files showing Texas as a place of residence of Howard Robard Hughes.

A request was made in May, 1976, by an attorney acting for Noah Detrich for the FBI to conduct document and latent fingerprint examinations of one of the alleged Howard Hughes' wills. This request was referred to the Department which advised that Bureau involvement in the matter would be premature at that time. In view of the previous Departmental interest, Inspector F. B. Still contacted Scott Crampton, Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, on 9-8-76, and apprised him of the request of the Texas authorities and the facts regarding listed addresses for Hughes in Identification Division files. Mr. Crampton stated he could see no reason not to accede to the request of the Texas Attorney General.

Instructions have been issued to prepare certified copies of two fingerprint cards for transmittal to the Office of the Attorney General of Texas. The two cards being prepared were submitted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Washington, D. C., on 7-27-42, and by the Commanding General, Services of Supply, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., on 10-1-42. The FCC card lists the address as 3921 Yoakum Boulevard, Houston, Texas, and the Army card lists two addresses: (1) Hughes' Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, and (2) 3921 Yoakum, Houston, Texas. The other two fingerprint cards for Hughes which are in file do not contain residence addresses.

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Memorandum to MR. MC DERMOTT
RE: HOWARD ROBARD HUGHES
IDENTIFICATION MATTER

RECOMMENDATION:

If you agree, the certified copies of the two fingerprint cards described above will be forwarded as requested.

APPROVED: *PK.* *JRS* *MA* *Jm*
ADMINISTRATIVE: *Tf*
FINGERPRINT: *JRS*

*Prints mailed
9/10/76
JRS*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. MC DERMOTT

DATE: 12-22-76

FROM : R. H. Ash

SUBJECT: HOWARD HUGHES WILL
LATENT PRINT MATTER

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Purpose of this memorandum is to report that Investigator [REDACTED] Attorney General's Office, Carson City, Nevada, telephoned this date and requested (1) the name of the latent specialist in this case, (2) what chemical processes were used on the envelope on which Melvin Dummar's fingerprint was developed, (3) what process developed the latent print, and (4) if the latent print could be redeveloped.

You will recall that by letter dated 10-15-76, from the Attorney General's Office, Carson City, Nevada, we were requested to process certain items pertaining to the "Mormon Will" and to compare any latents found with known fingerprints of Melvin Dummar. By report dated 11-9-76, we advised the Attorney General's Office, Carson City, Nevada, that a latent fingerprint developed on the outer envelope containing the will is identical with a fingerprint of Melvin E. Dummar, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MELVIN DUMMAR was advised (1) that the latent specialist is Quintus L. Ferguson, (2) that iodine fumes, ninhydrin and silver nitrate were used in the examination of the envelope, (3) that ninhydrin developed Dummar's latent fingerprint, and (4) that the chemical stains have been removed and consequently the latent print cannot be redeveloped. According to [REDACTED] this information is necessary as the Nevada Attorney General is scheduled to appear at a probate hearing regarding the "Mormon Will" on 12-28-76.

For your additional information, the "Mormon Will" and an additional envelope were delivered to the Scientific and Technical Services Division today by an investigator for the Nevada Attorney General's Office and will subsequently be coming to the Latent Fingerprint Section for examination.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Cochran

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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HOWARD HUGHES "MORMON" WILL, INFO CONCERNING.

BY TELETYPE DATED DEC. 30, 1976, THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION ADVISED THAT ON DEC. 29, 1976, TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED AT LONG BEACH RESIDENT AGENCY FROM INDIVIDUAL WHO DECLINED NAME. CALLER SAID NEWSPAPER STORIES ON HUGHES MORMON WILL REFERRED TO GOOD LOOKING FEMALE THAT PURPORTEDLY DELIVERED THE WILL IN UTAH. CALLER SAID DESCRIPTION FIT ONE [REDACTED] WHITE FEMALE, 35 TO 40 YEARS OLD, 5'4", 110 TO 115 LBS., BLOND, GOOD LOOKING, HIGH FASHION DRESSER, BOOTS, ETC., WHO WAS EMPLOYED BY HUGHES' PRIVATE PHYSICIAN, DOCTOR HOMER CLARK. [REDACTED] MANAGED CLARK'S OFFICE AND SMALL BUSINESSES INCLUDING MEDICAL LABS. SMALL BUSINESS AND MEDICAL LABS OPERATED BY CLARK INCLUDED INVESTMENTS FROM HUGHES.

CALLER STATED WOULD CALL AGAIN IN TWO WEEKS TO DETERMINE IF PHOTO NEEDED OF [REDACTED]

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IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BEING
CONDUCTED BY THE STATE OF NEVADA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
INTO THE POSSIBLE FORGERY OF THE "MORMON WILL", THE LAS VEGAS
DIVISION WILL FURNISH THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO THE NEVADA
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ON JAN. 5, 1977, UACB.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO LOS ANGELES AND SALT LAKE CITY.

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Memorandum

TO : MR. MC DERMOTT

DATE: 12-14-76

FROM : R. H. Ash *RHA*SUBJECT: HOWARD HUGHES WILL
PRESS MATTER

On 12-13-76, [REDACTED] Associated Press Reporter (AP), Los Angeles, California, [REDACTED] contacted me and advised that today a lawyer for Howard Hughes stated in court that the FBI had identified a fingerprint of Melvin Dummar on the envelope which contained the so-called "Mormon Will" of Howard Hughes. [REDACTED] wanted confirmation indicating he was referred to me by ASAC Ken Arnold, Las Vegas, Nevada.

By letter dated 10-15-76, from the Office of the Attorney General, Carson City, Nevada, we were requested to process certain items pertaining to the "Mormon Will" and to compare any latents found with known fingerprints of Melvin Dummar. By report dated 11-9-76, we advised the Attorney General's Office, Carson City, Nevada, that a latent fingerprint developed on the envelope was identical to fingerprint of Melvin E. Dummar, [REDACTED] *b7c*

After ascertaining the above facts, Bruce Greenhalgh, Chief Investigator, Attorney General's Office, Carson City, Nevada, was contacted and he was advised of the AP inquiry. He was advised that the FBI would respond to this inquiry as follows:

"The FBI has examined some material at the request of the Attorney General's Office, Carson City, Nevada, and the results of the examination have been furnished to that office. As this matter is currently under consideration in that office, it would not be appropriate for the FBI to comment concerning the results of the examination or the material examined."

ASAC Ken Arnold, Las Vegas, was advised to contact [REDACTED] AP, and furnish him with the above statement.

From press accounts it appears that Melvin Dummar is a gas station attendant who was named as a beneficiary in the "Mormon Will." Dummar claims he helped Hughes on one occasion by giving him a ride. *59-62-99801-61*

This matter was coordinated with Assistant Director Donald W. Moore, Jr., External Affairs.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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1 - Mr. Cochran *21*

1 - Mr. Moore



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OUTSIDE SOURCE

21 April 1977

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For lack of knowing where to direct this letter, I send to you for forwarding to the proper authorities, should it contain information of interest.

Recently a friend sent me a newspaper clipping about the possibly forged signature of the late Mr Howard Hughes in various documents being submitted for probate.

I have a letter written by the late Mr Hughes directed to me in 1948 on Mr Hughes' personalized engraved stationery and signed by him simply as "Howard Hughes"; the initial "H" does not exist in his signature nor in the engraving at the top of the page. The text of the letter is legitimate as well as the signature.

I worked in Mr Hughes' [redacted] for a time, and my father was employed on [redacted]

Should the matter be of interest, I would be pleased to send a copy.

Sincerely,

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April 29, 1977

AIRMAIL

Howard Hughes

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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter on April 26th and appreciate your offer to be of assistance. If we find that we need the information you maintain, we will be in contact with you.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

NOTE: Based on available information, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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April 16, 1977

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Sir:

~~MISCELLANEOUS - NON-SUBVERSIVE~~

I read in Saturdays paper that you had proved the Howard Hughes "Mormon Will" a forgery, and that you are unable to prove who wrote it.

I have received two letters from Howard Hughes, Sept 1946 and Sept 1947. The signature on Sept. 1947 letter is something like one on the "Mormon Will". I am sending both copies. It might help to determine if writer was an old employee of the Hughes Company, if my letter wasn't signed by Howard Hughes.

Sincerely,

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FBI Office
Washington, D. C. 20036

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CORRESPONDENCE

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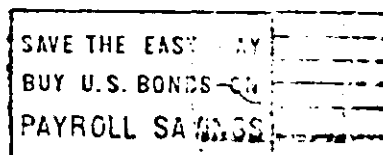
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letters of sympathy and encouragement were greatly appreciated by me as were the St. Martin de Porres medal and the religious literature.

Your thoughtful consideration and kind wishes for my recovery have given me great comfort.

Sincerely,

Howard Hughes



[REDACTED]

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Sept. 10, 1947

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Dear [REDACTED]

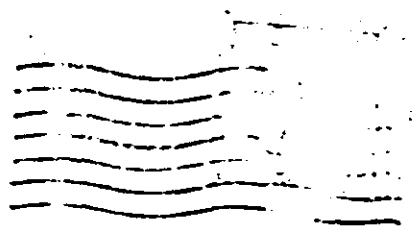
In this busy modern age, when a few unfriendly, malicious thrusts can blacken a reputation forever, it is encouraging to know that the American public can and will help defend a below-the-belt attack on one man's reputation.

You and many thousands of Americans taking time off from your own work and problems, have given me a dramatic and unforgettable demonstration of the real force of public opinion in a democracy.

I cannot forget, nor can I adequately express my deep appreciation for the encouragement and good wishes expressed in your letter to me.

Sincerely yours,

Howard Hughes



[REDACTED]

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

May 3, 1977

Dear [REDACTED]

Howard Hughes

MISCELLANEOUS - NONSUBVERSIVE

Your letter, with enclosures, was received on April 22nd. I appreciate your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew J. Decker

Andrew J. Decker, Jr.
Assistant Director
Records Management Division

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. Administrative Unit, FBI Laboratory Division, advised that correspondent's enclosures were of no value to that Division.

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TO : The Director

DATE: 12-1-77

FROM : Legal Counsel *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: ESTATE OF HOWARD HUGHES

At the Executives Conference this morning you requested me to handle a telephone call received for you from Charles Morgan at 11:25 a. m. I spoke with Mr. Morgan and he told me that he is associated with Jerris Leonard and other attorneys who are representing various interests claiming title to shares in the estate of Howard Hughes. He said that Jerris Leonard had organized a large group of lawyers and the respective shares of the claimants being represented by this group of lawyers have been identified and agreed upon. Morgan said that a 9.5 per cent interest in the estate is claimed by Avis Hughes McIntyre and Rush Hughes who are his clients. Morgan explained that Rupert Hughes, an uncle of Howard Hughes, had married a woman who had two children by a previous marriage. Although no formal adoption procedures were instituted, the two children assumed the family name "Hughes" from their infancy and under Texas equity law the claimants Avis Hughes McIntyre and Rush Hughes will be able to establish that they are in the position of adopted children and, therefore, heirs to the estate through the relationship of Rupert Hughes.

Morgan's request that the Identification and Laboratory examiners from the FBI be permitted to testify is based on his need to establish the invalidity of an alleged will that has been submitted for probate and which is identified by reference to Melvin Dumar.

There are two probate cases concerning this alleged will. The first case is pending at Las Vegas, Nevada, and the second case is pending in Houston. The FBI examiners appeared for depositions in Los Angeles, California, in connection with the case pending in Las Vegas. At that deposition, many of the interests were represented; however, the 9.5 per cent ^{interest} represented by his clients' claims was not represented by counsel at the depositions and counsel for them have not

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Re: Estate of Howard Hughes

made an appearance in the Las Vegas case. Appearance in their behalf has been made in the Houston case. Because there was no representation at the depositions and there has been no appearance in the Las Vegas case where the depositions might be entered, the testimony given by our examiners at deposition in Los Angeles is subject to objection by the lawyers handling the Houston case.

I asked Mr. Morgan whether he intended to request our examiners to give a deposition for purposes of the Houston case. He said he had no such intention. His only request is that the examiners be available for testimony at trial.

Mr. Morgan's request, of course, presents complications because the Bureau has previously refused to authorize testimony in the Las Vegas case but testimony for purposes of depositions for that case was authorized. To grant authority for testimony in the Houston case where they are not bound by the arrangements made concerning the prior depositions and where the existing depositions are subject to objection and, therefore, exclusion from the evidence may appear to be unequal treatment of the request received from the several attorneys.

I recommend that the position taken by the Bureau in this matter be consistent so that all of the requests would be afforded the same degree of cooperation or non-cooperation. Therefore, there appear to be two choices. First, that Mr. Morgan be advised that our examiners would be available for testimony only at a deposition as was done in the previous request concerning the Las Vegas case. The second choice appears to be to authorize the testimony at the trial in Houston and to authorize the testimony requested for the trial at Las Vegas. The Bureau, having extended itself by permitting the testimony at the deposition previously, is now confronted with the hard choice as to whether it may be accused of showing favoritism or of using resources intended for law enforcement purposes to assist in private civil litigation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That even though there will be some cost and a variance from our usual policy of nonparticipation in private civil litigation, it is my opinion that you should authorize the requested testimony in both cases for two reasons. The

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Bureau is on record in the prior deposition concerning the results of the examinations and further testimony should not compromise Bureau information not previously divulged. Further, the Bureau should be in the position of treating all requesters in this matter evenly.

Submit depositions.

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ADDENDUM: LABORATORY DIVISION JEL/kaf 12/5/77

It is agreed that the Bureau should be consistent in its degree of cooperation to requests received from parties involved in the private civil litigation in this matter. However, this cooperation should take the form of providing the appropriate personnel for the taking of depositions as was previously done, rather than authorizing those employees to testify at any civil trials. Experience has shown that expert witnesses become tied up on trials for an extended period of time due to the uncertainty of trial schedules. This is particularly true for a trial of this magnitude. This would unduly burden the Bureau's staff of experts due to our high case load and commitments for testimony on criminal trial matters.

Accordingly, it is recommended that Mr. Morgan be advised that the Bureau's experts would be provided only for the taking of depositions at FBIHQ at a mutually agreeable time and that all interested parties to the civil litigation be represented at that time.

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ADDENDUM OF IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

R. H. Ash:ed

12-5-77

The estate of Howard Hughes involves billions of dollars. There are millions of dollars involved in Federal and state taxes. Howard Hughes was and is a notorious personality. His estate has been clouded by the mysterious discovery of a will which is purported to be spurious. The enormity of this case and the considerable public interest make it unique.

As foremost experts in Laboratory and Latent Fingerprint examinations, it is in the best interest of the FBI and the public to have FBI examiners testify as completely and often as necessary even if it is duplicative and time-consuming. We should not give the appearance of either being reluctant witnesses or attempting to frustrate the legitimate judicial powers in a matter of such great public interest.

It is my recommendation that the examiners be made available for depositions and/or testimony at trial in any legitimate civil proceedings in which they are needed and their testimony is relevant and germane.

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It is our position not to have our experts testify in court in civil trials. What can be accomplished by depositions in several hours, especially with a man, not an attorney as in this case. Our biggest resources are limited. I feel we should stick to forced dep. deposition only. JH

OUTSIDE SOURCE

December 20, 1977

1 - Mr. Ash
1 - Mr. Kelleher
1 - Mr. Lile
1 - Mr. Ferguson
1 - Mr. Mintz

Charles Morgan, Jr., Esq.
Suite 705
810 18th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Morgan:

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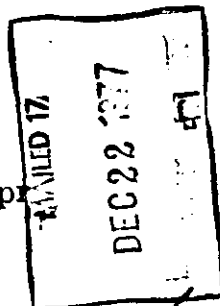
Arrangements for the depositions may be made by communicating directly with Special Agent Lile and Fingerprint Specialist Ferguson at FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C. 20535.

Sincerely yours

C. M. Kelley

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Charles Morgan, Jr., Esq.

NOTE: See memo Legal Counsel to Director dated December 1, 1977, captioned "Estate of Howard Hughes" and letter from Brian P. Gettings to the Director dated November 29, 1977.

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MEMBER D.C. BAR ONLY

November 29, 1977

The Honorable Clarence Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kelley:

This law firm represents two of the putative heirs to the estate of the late Howard Hughes. We, along with other law firms, are presently involved in two pieces of litigation over the authenticity of the so called "Morman Will". Special Agents James Liles and Quentis Ferguson have examined that will and have rendered opinions that it is not authentic. We would like their testimony to that effect, and thereby request that you grant them permission to testify, not at government expense but ours.

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The first case is entitled Estate of Howard Robert Hughes, deceased, in Probate Court #2, Harris County, Texas. While it is not anticipated that their testimony would be required until January or February, 1978, a recent development raises the possibility that they would be needed as early as the week of December 5, 1977. Attorney Robert Roch would like to contact Agents Liles and Ferguson as soon as possible.

The second case is entitled In the Matter of the Estate of Howard Robert Hughes, in the Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, Clark County, Nevada. It is not anticipated that their testimony in this case would be required until January or February, 1978. Attorney Paul Freese would like to contact Agents Liles and Ferguson some time in advance of that time.

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Letter to Charles... 12-20-77
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I can assure you that the testimony of these Agents is extremely important to a just determination of the issues in both these cases. As I am sure you are aware, enormous sums of money are at stake and it would certainly be inimical to fairness and justice if those issues were decided on an incomplete record or without all the relevant testimony extant and available. For these reasons, I earnestly seek your favorable consideration of this request, with my further assurance that we will endeavor to minimize the use of these gentlemen's time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,

LEONARD, COHEN & GETTINGS


BRIAN P. GETTINGS

BPG:rmr

cc: Jerris Leonard, Esquire
Robert Roch, Esquire
Paul Freese, Esquire

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Brian P. Gettings, Esq.
1400 North Uhle Street
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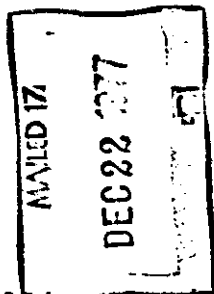
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Mr. Pegler Sees It

Hughes and His Flying Plywood

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

LOS ANGELES: Major Gen. Victor Bertrando, USAF, retired, a grease-monkey at heart, was exercising his little six-cylinder German Mercedes, which is driven with a stick and costs more than our de luxeest fish-tail push-button production. He pulled up with the showy pride of a courting Hooder in a spider phaeton coming alongside a carriage block and invited, "Crawl in." One does this by bending double and planting the head between the knees, which, being done, one may then settle back to contemplation of the ordeal of getting out.



PEGLER

We set a course for the Naval Base at San Pedro. In gaze upon the plywood boat that Howard Hughes put together during the war and finally, in November, 1947, flew a mile in a defiant demonstration hop not unlike the Wrights' miracle at Kitty Hawk. There was no disputing the fact that this weird, aloof and hostile genius did lift this enormous barge off the water, fly her appreciably, and put her down with no more than a graceful swish of water under her bows.

We shuffled down a rough path to a security shack by a big gate where a sign read: "Government Property, Keep Off." But the guard, with a pistol in his holster, was a civilian employed by Hughes and his only answer to questions about that sign as private property was that he had his orders.

We were looking at a structure housing some or all of the hull and the colossal tail. The flippers of the big one were about the size of the wings of a DC-4. There was a pumping green light glowing behind one of the windows high up in the housing, and just inside the gate was a strange television scope by which the man on post could watch a constant patrol of the nearby shore and the landward approaches, traveling past his vision on a screen. In the middle of the yard a watch-tower reared its head even higher than the main structure.

Six guards came and went in a half hour. Some of them, all Southern, under orders to keep off about a kind of war production whose details Goddard had conveyed to Moscow from friends in the White House and Pentagon years ago.

The Government then was desperate for some device to beat the submarine in the dark, to follow the dawn and this thing theoretically could have been the answer.

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The baby that solved the crisis and the industry lay alongshore until the Elliott Roosevelt scandal perfumed the air with a reek so rugged that Hughes got the works at a Senate hearing for spending up \$28 million on a plywood nightmare stuck together with glue, to what ultimate purpose we have yet to learn.

The City of Long Beach is defendant in a suit by Hughes for about \$12 million because a municipal dike dissolved, letting in the sea one night, thus floating the tailpiece up against the housing with damage to both and other sad results. He is always a-lawing someone or vice versa, Hughes is.

There she lies, vindicated by one brief, desperate flight, on lease from the Government to Hughes for experiments in the obscure but possibly important realm of plywood.

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EDITORS: ONCE AGAIN, BILLIONAIRE INDUSTRIALIST HOWARD HUGHES MAY BE TORN BETWEEN HIS REFUSAL TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC AND A DESIRE TO EXPAND HIS ALREADY VAST FINANCIAL HOLDINGS. HERE IS A SITUATION REPORT.

BY ISABELLE MCCAIG

WASHINGTON (UPI) --CAN THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION SMOKE OUT BILLIONAIRE MYSTERY-MAN HOWARD HUGHES TO DEFEND HIS BID FOR CONTROL OF AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANIES, INC.?

JUST TWO DAYS AFTER HE HIT WALL STREET WITH HIS SENSATIONAL OFFER TO BUY TWO MILLION SHARES OF THE THIRD-RANKED NETWORK'S COMMON STOCK, THE FCC ANNOUNCED IT WOULD HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS.

THE COMMISSION STRESSED THAT THE TRANSACTION INVOLVED "A POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEDIUMS OF MASS COMMUNICATION IN THE NATION."

AT THE SAME TIME, IT ORDERED HUGHES SPECIFICALLY NOT TO EXERCISE ANY VOTING RIGHTS IN THE SHARES OF ABC STOCK HE MAY ACQUIRE PENDING THE HEARING "OR IN ANY WAY TO SEEK TO INFLUENCE THE POLICIES OR OPERATIONS OF ABC."

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HUGHES ASSURED THE COMMISSION HE WOULD NOT EXERCISE ANY VOTING RIGHTS TO EXERT A CONTROLLING INFLUENCE WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING COMMISSION CONSENT--IF, THAT IS, HIS OFFER TO BUY IS ACCEPTED. NO DATE WAS SET FOR THE HEARINGS TO DETERMINE HUGHES' QUALIFICATIONS TO HOLD A CONTROLLING INTEREST IN ABC, BUT THE FCC EMPHASIZED THAT THE SERIOUS QUESTIONS RAISED SHOULD BE FULLY EXPLORED AND ALL NECESSARY WITNESSES EXAMINED.

THE COMMISSION MIGHT WELL CALL HUGHES--62-YEAR-OLD FINANCIER WHO RANKS WITH J. PAUL GETTY AS AMERICA'S RICHEST INDIVIDUALS-- TO TESTIFY IN PERSON. (THE TWO MEN ARE EACH ESTIMATED TO BE WORTH BETWEEN \$1 BILLION AND \$1.5 BILLION EACH.)

HUGHES, WHO HAS NOT BEEN SEEN IN PUBLIC FOR YEARS, HAS SUCH A PENCHANT FOR PRIVACY HE MIGHT DROP THE WHOLE DEAL RATHER THAN MAKE AN APPEARANCE. HE DID JUST THAT, APPARENTLY, WHEN HE RELINQUISHED CONTROL OF TRANS WORLD AIRLINES, INC., WITHOUT A COURT FIGHT.

A MAJOR DEFENSE CONTRACTOR WITH WIDE-RANGING FINANCIAL INTERESTS, HUGHES APPARENTLY HAS MONEY TO BURN.

AFTER SPENDING AN ESTIMATED \$100 MILLION BUYING HOTELS AND GAMBLING CASINOS, A TELEVISION STATION AND OTHER PROPERTY IN HIS ADOPTED LAS VEGAS HEADQUARTERS, HE MADE THE ABC PROPOSAL.

SOURCES DIFFERED WIDELY ON THE SUCCESS OF HIS BID TO BUY THE STOCK FOR \$74.25 A SHARE. THE OFFER EXPIRES JULY 12.

ABC PRESIDENT LEONARD GOLDENSON, ONLY NETWORK OFFICIAL WITH MORE THAN 1 PER CENT OF THE COMPANY'S SHARES, SAID MANAGEMENT WOULD FILE SUIT TO BLOCK THE PURCHASE.

THE MAJOR STOCKHOLDER IN ABC IS KANE AND CO. OF NEW YORK CITY, A NOMINEE NAME USED BY THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK FOR ACCOUNTS IT HOLDS IN VARIOUS COMPANIES. IT HAS 9 PER CENT OF THE SHARES.

ONLY 15 OTHER STOCKHOLDERS HAVE INTERESTS RANGING FROM 1 TO 3 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL SHARES.

HUGHES COULD GAIN CONTROL WITH JUST 35 PER CENT OF THE ABC STOCK, SINCE THE REMAINDER OF SHARES ARE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AMONG SMALL STOCKHOLDERS.

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 A TRANSFER OF BROADCAST STATION OWNERSHIP IN THE FACE OF STRENUOUS
 OPPOSITION FROM ABC ITSELF.
 EVEN IF IT DID, THEY PREDICTED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WOULD
 MOVE IN JUST AS IT DID IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED \$2 BILLION MERGER
 OF ABC WITH INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH CO. LAST YEAR.
 JUSTICE ALREADY HAS INVESTIGATED HUGHES AND STOPPED HIM AT THE
 LAST MINUTE FROM CONSUMMATING A \$30.5 MILLION DEAL TO BUY HIS SIXTH
 LAS VEGAS HOTEL AND GAMBLING CASINO.
 THE ANTITRUST DIVISION AGREED TO HOLD UP A SUIT AGAINST HUGHES
 WHILE HE RE-EXAMINED THE HOTEL DEAL.

 OTHERS SUGGEST JUSTICE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO HUGHES' PURCHASE
 OF ABC STOCK BECAUSE HIS INTERESTS ARE FAR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE
 OF IT&T, WITH ITS VAST DEALINGS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. IT FEARED
 SUCH CONTROL WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR ABC TO CONTINUE AN
 INDEPENDENT NEWS OPERATION.

HUGHES' INTERESTS ARE VARIED, BUT THEY APPEAR TO BE LARGELY
 WITHIN THE UNITED STATES. HIS TWO MAJOR COMPANIES, HUGHES
 TOOL CO. AND HUGHES AIRCRAFT CO., DO NOT ISSUE EITHER ANNUAL
 SALES OR EARNINGS REPORTS.

AMONG THE THINGS THEY MANUFACTURE, HOWEVER, ARE WEAPONS SYSTEMS,
 BALLISTIC MISSILES, COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, TRANSISTORS AND OTHER
 SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONICS DEVICES.

HUGHES ALSO HOLDS AN ESTIMATED \$6 MILLION INTEREST IN THE HUGE
 ATLAS CORP., WHICH FINANCIAL RECORDS SHOW TO BE INVOLVED IN URANIUM,
 OIL AND GAS, AND IN RKO PICTURES.

FORTUNE MAGAZINE RECENTLY ESTIMATED HUGHES HAS ANYWHERE FROM \$347
 MILLION TO \$447 MILLION IN CASH FROM RECENT STOCK SALES, AMONG THEM
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BY STEWART SLAVIN
LAS VEGAS, NEV. (UPI)-- BY THIS AFTERNOON ROBERT A. MANEU WILL
KNOW WHETHER HE CAN CONTINUE RUNNING HOWARD HUGHES \$300 MILLION
NEVADA OPERATIONS.

CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT COURT JUDGE HOWARD BARCOCK SAID FRIDAY HE WOULD DECIDE BY 3 P.M. (EST) TODAY WHETHER DIRECTORS OF THE TEXAS-BASED HUGHES TOOL CO. REPRESENTED BY NEW YORK ATTORNEY CHESTER DAVIS, COULD FIRE MANEU AND TAKE CONTROL OF THE VAST GAMBLING CONGLOMERATE.

THE CORPORATE POWER STRUGGLE BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER HUGHES' MYSTERIOUS DEPARTURE FOR A VACATION IN THE BAHAMAS OVER THE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND.

WITH HUGHES OUT OF TOWN, THE DIRECTORS PRODUCED A PROXY, PURPORTEDLY SIGNED BY HUGHES. THE DOCUMENT AUTHORIZED THE TOOL COMPANY TO FIRE MANEU AND TAKE CONTROL OF THE NEVADA OPERATIONS, WHICH INCLUDE SEVEN GAMBLING CASINOS, 2,000 PATENTED MINING CLAIMS, A TELEVISION STATION AND NUMEROUS PARCELS OF LAND THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

MANEU, WHO HAS HEADED THE NEVADA OPERATIONS FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS, SECURED A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER TO STOP THE ATTEMPTED TAKEOVER AND DAVIS FILED A COUNTER ACTION.

DURING THE 10-DAY COURT BATTLE THAT FOLLOWED, HUGHES CALLED NEVADA GOV. PAUL LAXALT AND CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE FRANKLIN, SAYING HE WANTED MANEU FIRED, AND HE SENT A LETTER TO DAVIS BACKING UP EFFORTS TO FIRE THE FORMER FBI AGENT.

HOWEVER, MANEU PRODUCED A HANDWRITING EXPERT WHO TESTIFIED HUGHES SIGNATURE WAS A FORGERY.

HUGHES HAS NOT COMMUNICATED DIRECTLY WITH MANEU, AND MANEU SAID HE WANTED TO TALK TO HUGHES PERSONALLY BEFORE HE WOULD ACCEPT HIS FIRING.

IN FINAL ARGUMENTS FRIDAY, WHICH BARCOCK LIMITED TO 90 MINUTES FOR EACH SIDE, DAVIS SAID THE PROPERTIES DID NOT BELONG TO MANEU AND THAT IT WAS NORMAL BUSINESS PROCEDURE FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MANAGE THE OPERATIONS.

HE COMPLAINED ALSO ABOUT THE "WILD, UNJUSTIFIED PUBLICITY" CAUSED BY HUGHES' TEMPORARY DEPARTURE. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE BILLIONAIRE, WHO HADN'T TOLD MANEU OF HIS PLANNED VACATION, WAS NOT REQUIRED TO "CONSULT WITH HIS SERVANTS" ON HIS PLANS.

DAVIS CHARGED MANEU WITH "THE MOST SHOCKING KIND OF CONDUCT BY LOOTING THE FILES AND RECORDS OF THE HUGHES TOOL CO." AFTER BEING NOTIFIED OF HIS FIRING.

"WE WALKED INTO THE OFFICES OF THE HUGHES TOOL CO. AND THEY WERE BARE," HE SAID.

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DAVIS CHARGED THAT MAHEU HAD TAKEN 60 TO 100 CASES OF RECORDS AND REMOVED MONEY FROM ITS LAWFUL PLACE.

MAHEU'S ATTORNEY SAID HIS CLIENT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE MANAGING THE NEVADA OPERATIONS UNTIL A FULL TRIAL COULD BE HELD ON THE MERITS OF THE CASE.

HE SAID THERE HAD NOT BEEN TIME IN THE HEARING TO BRING OUT ALL THE TESTIMONY AND WITNESSES, THAT MAHEU HAD SUFFERED "IRREPARABLE HARM" IN THE CASE AND THAT THERE WAS AN "ARGUABLE ISSUE" WHETHER THE PROXY SIGNED BY NUGES WAS WRITTEN UNDER DURESS.

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BY ROBERT RYAN

Howard Hughes

LAS VEGAS, NEV. (UPI)--HUGHES TOOL CO. EXECUTIVES SUNDAY BEGAN TAKING OVER THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF HOWARD HUGHES' NEVADA CONGLOMERATE FOLLOWING A BITTER TWO-WEEK COURT SQUABBLE. CONTROL OF THE \$300 MILLION SATRAPY OF THE MYSTERIOUS BILLIONAIRE WAS GIVEN TO THE COMPANY SATURDAY BY DISTRICT COURT JUDGE HOWARD BABCOCK, WHO UPHOLD THEIR FIRING OF ROBERT MAHEU, THE FORMER COUNTERSPY AND BOY SCOUT LEADER WAS THE ARCHITECT OF HUGHES' EMPIRE HERE AND HAD BEEN IN CHARGE OF IT SINCE 1966, WHEN THE INDUSTRIALIST ARRIVED.

MAHEU WAS EXPECTED TO APPEAL BABCOCK'S DECISION TO HIGHER COURTS BUT SAID HE WOULD DELAY ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS PLANS FOR 48 HOURS.

HE SAID THE PERSONAL FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF HIS DISMISSAL WERE VERY DEVASTATING. ESTIMATES OF HIS INCOME RANGED FROM \$150,000 TO \$250,000 ANNUALLY.

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HE SAID THE PERSONAL FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF HIS DISMISSAL WERE VERY DEVASTATING. ESTIMATES OF HIS INCOME RANGED FROM \$150,000 TO \$250,000 ANNUALLY.

MAHEU ALSO SAID HE WILL CONTINUE TRYING TO DETERMINE WHETHER HUGHES IS SAFE.

MAHEU HAD CONTENDED THE RECLUSE WAS SPIRITED AWAY THANKSGIVING EVE BUT BABCOCK DISMISSED THE SO-CALLED CORROBORATING TESTIMONY OF ONE OF MAHEU'S WITNESSES AS "FANTASY."

HUGHES TOOL COMPANY HAS SOUGHT TO REASSURE NEVADANS ABOUT THEIR TAKEOVER OF HUGHES' AFFAIRS IN THE STATE. THEY ISSUED A STATEMENT WHICH SAID:

"THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HUGHES TOOL CO. EMPHASIZES THAT, CONTRARY TO PERSISTENT RUMORS, IT DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE THE SALE OF ANY OF ITS HOTELS OR CASINOS, AND NO CHANGES IN KEY PERSONNEL ARE ANTICIPATED."

THE COURT HEARINGS UNCOVERED SOME OF THE WAYS IN WHICH HUGHES DID BUSINESS AND HE WROTE A LETTER TO TOOL COMPANY EXECUTIVES COMPLAINING ABOUT THE "BAD PUBLICITY" IN THEIR EFFORT TO FIRE MAHEU.

THE BILLIONAIRE REPORTEDLY WENT TO THE BAHAMAS LAST MONTH AND NEVER APPEARED DURING THE HEARINGS, BUT HE ONCE TELEPHONED THE NEVADA GOVERNOR AND THE CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO SAY THAT HE SUPPORTED THE TOOL EXECUTIVES.

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Ousted aid of Howard Hughes talks about his dismissal

the 'Las Vegas loser'

EVERY WEEK for years, Robert Maheu regularly picked up a \$10,000 paycheck from billionaire Howard Hughes. And there were wonderful fringe benefits accruing to the man who held the job as Hughes' number one aide.

Not mundane things like Blue Cross and an old-age pension, but solid items such as Maheu's unlimited use of Hughes' planes, yachts and cars. And, of course, Maheu could drop into any one of Hughes' hotels whenever he pleased without paying the tab. His huge expense accounts were never questioned, either. Hughes just scribbled his name on them without ever looking at the amount.

Now all that's over. Maheu, 53, has been bounced by Hughes — and he wears the look of a man just hit by a hurricane.

"I don't know what I did wrong," he says. "I don't know if I did anything wrong. I would certainly feel a lot better about this whole thing if Mr. Hughes would just call me and say: 'Bob, you're fired.' That's all I ask, a phone call from him, and the chance to talk about the obligations and commitments that are still hanging."

Maheu is still living in the \$500,000 Las Vegas mansion that Hughes built for him, but everything else is gone. He probably even has to use his own chips to play blackjack at Hughes' Sands Hotel gambling casino.

It is considered doubtful that Hughes will ever call Maheu again. For one thing, that's not the rich man's style. He does the necessary unpleasant things through letters to intermediaries. When the ax falls on an employee, Hughes is usually wearing gloves that leave no fingerprints.

Maheu worked for Hughes since 1963 and yet — reportedly — has never seen him. They communicated by phone. Maybe that's why Maheu hangs around the phone all day waiting for Hughes to tell him that all is forgiven — or all is lost.

As Hughes' top minion, Maheu handled all the complex wheelings and dealings that helped the wealthy recluse gain control of seven gambling casinos, four of them with big hotels attached. Hundreds of files and memos were attached to every transaction was con-

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"I think Hughes thought of Nevada as the new frontier," says Mahou, "possibly the last frontier. To him this meant wide open spaces, sunshine, fresh air. He envisioned a colossal center for recreation and sports, and he would be in charge of it all, through control of air facilities and casinos. With control, he could shape it as he wanted, and I think he wanted to be sure it would have the right environment above all."

Mahou always talks about Hughes in respectful terms, even though he has filed suit

against him seeking \$50 million on grounds of damage and character defamation.

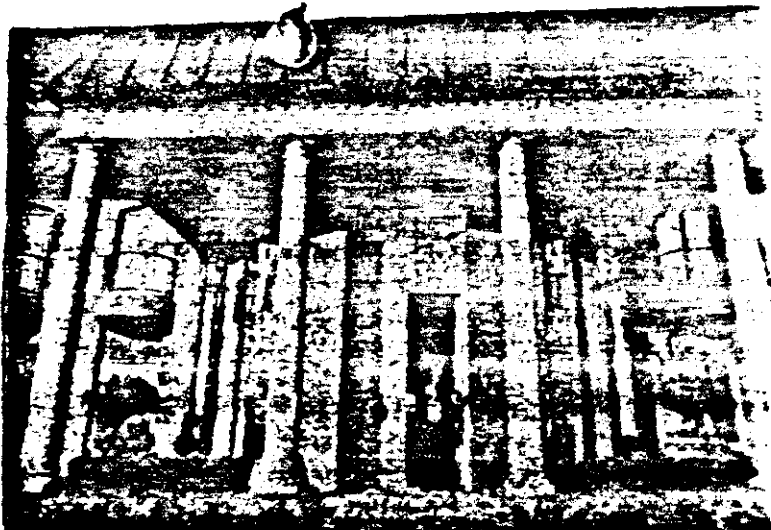
"Mr. Hughes has been quite ill physically since last fall," maintains Mahou, "but he is mentally alert. I think he reads nearly everything printed pertaining to his business interests—dozens of newspapers and magazines, even legislative proceedings. He was always well informed. But he has no interests outside his business. He has no hobby that I know of."

Mahou is regretful that he didn't have a contract with Hughes. "He always said I could have one if I wanted it, but I never insisted. I took his word that I had an oral contract for lifetime employment at \$500,000 a year. I was told that I always had to be available, reach-

able by phone, and I always made my whereabouts known. I wouldn't even sit in a restaurant until I had a phone at the table."

Mahou is certain that his telephone conversations with Hughes were always actually with the billionaire. "He has a distinctive voice—firm but high-pitched—and he talks without hesitation or letup. I could never be mistaken about Hughes' voice. He never wasted words."

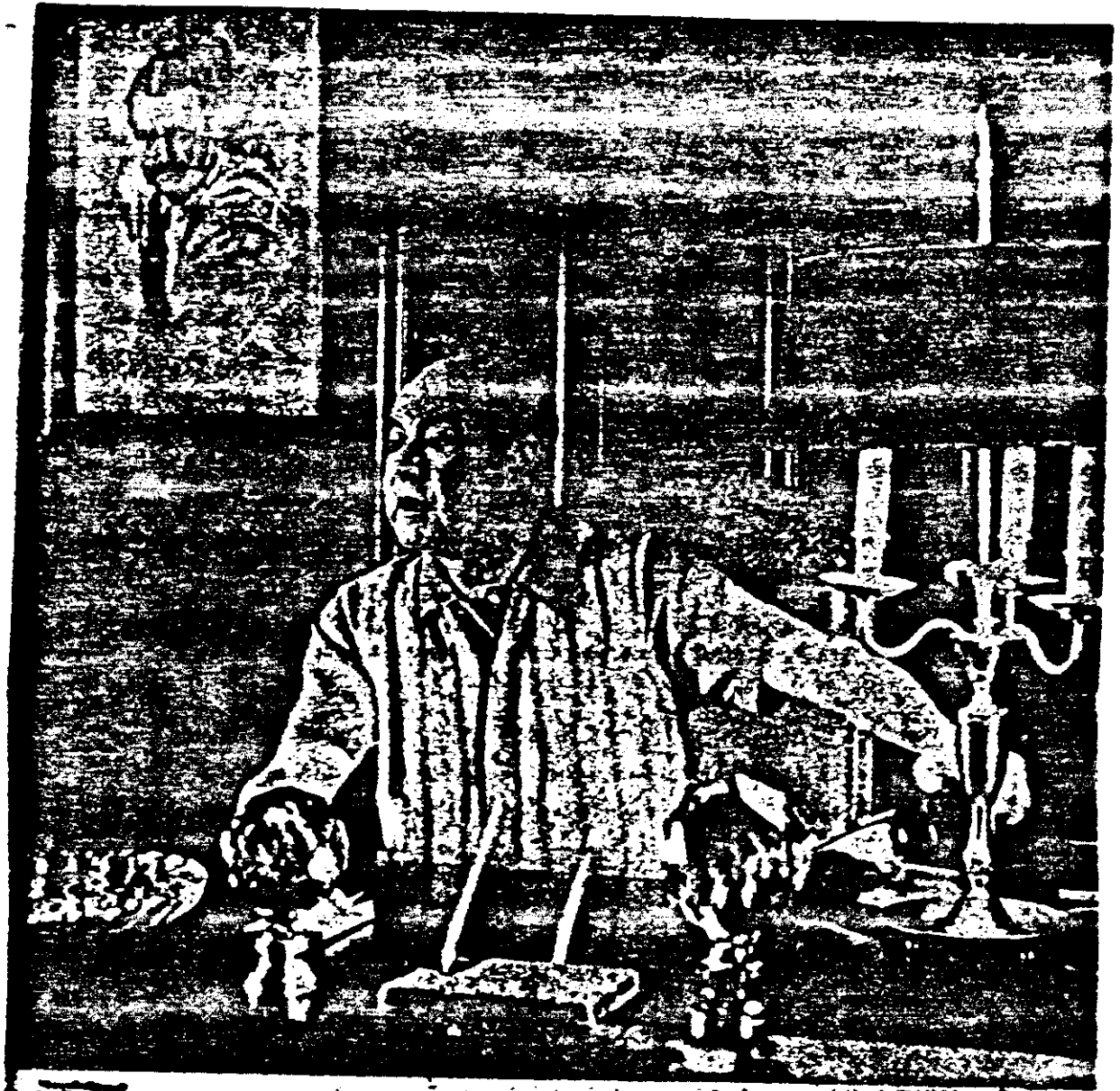
Only one good thing has come from the firing by Hughes, according to Mahou. "When I worked for Hughes, I didn't have much time for my family. (His four children range in age from 11 to 28.) I'm only realizing now how much I neglected them."



He still holds control of \$500,000 mansion on edge of desert Inn grounds. Mahou isn't sure he won't be evicted.



Mahou walks down floating staircase in mansion. He is still in control of it as Hughes turned on him.



Portrait of Howard Hughes seems to be glowering at his ex-side Robert Maheu. Letter was recently fired by billionaire.

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CARSON CITY, NEV. (UPI)--THE NEVADA SUPREME COURT WAS ASKED TUESDAY TO CLEAR THE WAY SO THAT RECLUSE HOWARD HUGHES COULD BE PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED IN THE \$50 MILLION SUIT FILED AGAINST HIM BY AIDE ROBERT MAHEU.

ATTORNEYS FOR MAHEU.

ATTORNEYS FOR MAHEU AND HUGHES AS WELL AS THE HUGHES TOOL CO. APPEARED BEFORE THE COURT IN ANOTHER ROUND OF THE CONTINUING BATTLE. THE COURT TOOK THE ARGUMENTS UNDER STUDY AND WAS EXPECTED TO RULE IN SIX WEEKS TO TWO MONTHS.

MORTON GALANE, ATTORNEY FOR MAHEU, CALLED ON THE HIGH COURT TO "REMOVE THE ROADBLOCKS" THAT PREVENT THE TAKING OF A PRETRIAL DEPOSITION FROM HUGHES AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE TOOL COMPANY.

GALANE ALSO ASKED THE COURT TO ISSUE AN ORDER TO ALLOW MAHEU TO PUBLICLY DISCLOSE LETTERS BETWEEN HIM AND HIS FORMER BOSS.

MAHEU WAS CHIEF OF NEVADA OPERATIONS FOR HUGHES UNTIL LAST DECEMBER WHEN HE WAS FIRED. THE \$50 MILLION SUIT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY FILED BY MAHEU.

GALANE SAID THE LOWER COURT HAD ISSUED AN ORDER WHICH IMPOSED "AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL RESTRAINT" AGAINST HIS CLIENT IN KEEPING THE DOCUMENTS PRIVATE.

DISTRICT JUDGE HOWARD BABOCK OF LAS VEGAS ISSUED AN ORDER IN JANUARY WHICH STAYED ALL PROCEEDINGS IN THE LOWER COURT UNTIL A DETERMINATION WAS MADE WHETHER MAHEU HAS RETURNED ALL THE RECORDS OF THE TOOL COMPANY.

GALANE SAID MAHEU HAS COMPLIED WITH THIS ORDER.

BUT CHESTER C. BVIS, A NEW YORK ATTORNEY, REPRESENTING THE HUGHES INTERESTS, TOLD THE COURT THE RECORDS OF THE TOOL COMPANY HAVE NOT BEEN RETURNED. HE SAID UNTIL THE FIRM RECEIVED THESE RECORDS, THERE WAS NO WAY IT COULD DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST THE SUIT. HE SAID HUGHES AND THE TOOL COMPANY NEEDED THE DOCUMENTS BEFORE SUBMITTING TO ANY PRETRIAL DEPOSITIONS.

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DAVIS SAID MAHEU HAS NO RIGHT TO DISCLOSE THE BUSINESS SECRETS OF THE TOOL COMPANY. HE ARGUED THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF FREE EXPRESSION OR PRESS.

"IT'S NOT EQUITABLE FOR THE HUGHES TOOL CO., TO PROCEED WHILE NOT HAVING ITS FILES," DAVIS ARGUED. HE SAID THAT IN SIMILAR CASES, THE COURT RULES PERMITTED THE DISMISSAL OF SUITS WHERE ALL THE PAPERS BELONGING TO A COMPANY WERE NOT RETURNED.

DAVIS TOLD THE COURT TRUCKLOADS OF RECORDS WERE TAKEN FROM THE HUGHES OFFICES IN LAS VEGAS AFTER MAHEU WAS FIRED AND THESE DOCUMENTS WERE SPREAD ACROSS THE COUNTRY. BUT GALANE SAID ONE TRUCKLOAD WAS SHIPPED TO SANTA ANA, CALIF., AND THEN RETURNED.

GALANE SAID THE TRUCKLOAD WAS OFFERED TO THE HUGHES REPRESENTATIVES TO EXAMINE BUT THEY REFUSED. DAVIS ANSWERED, HOWEVER, THOSE RECORDS BELONGED TO MAHEU AND WERE NOT THE ONES OWNED BY THE TOOL COMPANY.

HUGHES FLEW OUT OF LAS VEGAS LAST NOVEMBER AND THEN SIGNED A PROXY GIVING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ONE OF HIS COMPANIES THE RIGHT TO FINE MAHEU. MAHEU CONTENDED HE WAS A PERSONAL AGENT OF HUGHES AND COULD ONLY BE FIRED BY HUGHES HIMSELF.

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Gamers seek to verify 'The Letter'

CARSON CITY (AP)—State gaming officials are continuing their investigation of a letter allegedly written by Howard Hughes.

Gaming Commission Chairman Jack Diehl of Fallon said the letter has been turned over to Control Board investigators.

Their investigation should take another week or 10 days, he said.

The letter was delivered to Diehl by Hughes emissaries last Thursday evening. The letter apparently was in response to a commission request for a personal letter from Hughes indicating that proposed changes in his gambling empire are what he wants.

Diehl today again refused to discuss the letter. Control Board Chairman Philip Harkin would say only that the letter is being studied and it is too early to tell if it is authentic.

Diehl would not confirm reports that fingerprints were found on the letter. "I have no comment about what is in the letter or what is on it," he said.

"We're not trying to keep it under wraps," he added, "but it should not be commented on at this time."

The full Gaming Commission has not met to discuss the handwritten letter, Diehl said, but he is hopeful a meeting will be held within the next week.

Diehl also denied published reports the Hughes people had set a deadline for the state to either accept or reject the letter.

The reports said the Hughes organization had set several deadlines, but then discarded them as the state withheld comment on the letter.

Asked if such deadlines had been set, Diehl replied: "Not to my knowledge. We have not even discussed it with them (Hughes).

John W. Diehl
Chairman
Nevada Gaming Commission
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Mr. Diehl:

1. In this day of the
"Machine Age" it seems
a little odd to be asked
to write a letter of this
length in longhand.

Nevertheless, at your
request, and for reasons
not understood by me,
I am, I repeat, solely in
accordance with your re-
quest, writing this com-
munication in longhand.

2. Regarding the
"Holiday" Davis & Get
I support them in fully as
the representatives of my
wholly owned corporation
operating in Nevada.

I also gave them a
power to accomplish a re-
organization in accordance
with my desires as the
sole stockholder of such
corporation.

That this reorganization
was needed is proven
by the beneficial results.

Sincerely,

Howard Hughes

By Don Digillo

If Gov. Mike O'Callaghan is looking for the "key" in the so-called hush-hush investigation of the controversial "second" letter written to Gaming Commission Chairman Jack Diehl from Howard Hughes perhaps he should start in his own backyard.

The R-J will print the second letter since state officials have been flashing it around to newsmen in the northern part of the state.

Diehl refused to speak to this reporter today, but gaming control board chairman Phil Hanniffin has confirmed to reporters his office is working with identification experts on the letter received last week from the Hughes Tool Company officials.

Diehl ordered Hughes to send a handwritten letter with his fingerprints on it or appear in person if he wanted to have his gaming application changes approved by the state.

This is the first newspaper to publish the second letter. The public can now be the judge as to who authored it.

You be the judge

and all funds and/or property in which Mr. Hughes may have had access.

As I have said, this matter has caused me the very gravest concern and is damaging my company and all the people and women associated with it in the most deep and far-reaching ways.

My sincere regards,

Howard Hughes

YOU BE THE JUDGE — Here are two letters Howard R. Hughes is supposed to have written. The one on the left is the much-debated mislabeled letter to the Gaming Commission late last week. The one above was sent to his attorney Chester Davis in December, 1970. You compare the signatures.

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SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) -- HOWARD HUGHES HAS RECONFIRMED THAT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONING BY ATTORNEYS IN A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR LAW SUIT OVER ALLEGEDLY WORTHLESS NEVADA MINING PROPERTY.

HUGHES FILED A SECOND AFFIDAVIT IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT MONDAY STATING HE WOULD ALLOW ATTORNEYS TO TAKE HIS DEPOSITION.

THE BILLIONAIRE FILED AN EARLIER AFFIDAVIT AUG. 27 GIVING HIS CONSENT TO A DEPOSITION, BUT DEFENSE ATTORNEYS CHALLENGED IT, SAYING IT DID NOT FULLY CONFIRM HUGHES WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

THEY ASKED FOR A DISMISSAL, WHICH JUDGE ALDON J. ANDERSON DENIED. THE JUDGE ORDERED HUGHES TO FILE AN ADDITIONAL AFFIDAVIT.

THE HUGHES TOOL CO. BROUGHT THE SUIT AGAINST THE TOLEDO MINING CO. OF SALT LAKE CITY, TOLEDO PRESIDENT ANTHONY HATSIS, FORMER HUGHES SCIENTIFIC ADVISER JOHN MEIER AND OTHERS. THE SUIT ASSERTS THE DEFENDANTS CONSPIRED TO SELL HUGHES WORTHLESS NEVADA MINING PROPERTY FOR \$5 MILLION.

"WHILE I STILL DO NOT BELIEVE THAT MY TESTIMONY COULD BE OF USE IN THIS LAWSUIT, AS DESCRIBED IN MY PRIOR AFFIDAVIT OF AUG. 27 OF THIS YEAR, I HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE COURT WISHES TO CONFIRM BY AVAILABILITY FOR A DEPOSITION," HUGHES SAID.

"ACCORDINGLY, I HEREBY CONFIRM I SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR DEPOSITION AND SHALL APPEAR UPON PROPER NOTICE," HE ADDED.

HUGHES AGREED TO THE QUESTIONING BY ATTORNEYS IN THE PRESENCE OF A COURT REPORTER "UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES AS AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES, OR AS THE COURT MAY DECIDE APPROPRIATE."

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RENO, NEV. (UPI) - A WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR THE ARREST OF BILLIONAIRE HOWARD HUGHES, WHO IS DUE IN FEDERAL COURT FRIDAY ON A CRIMINAL CHARGE BUT WHO IS NOT EXPECTED TO APPEAR. HIS LAWYERS HAVE REQUESTED U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE BRUCE THOMPSON TO POSTPONE THE PROCEEDINGS AND PERMIT THEM TIME TO CONTEND THAT THE CHARGES BE THROWN OUT. THE CASE INVOLVES AN ALLEGED PLOT BY HUGHES AND OTHERS TO MANIPULATE THE STOCK IN THE FORMER AIR WEST AIRLINES. ISSUANCE OF A BENCH ARREST COULD TRIGGER AN EFFORT TO EXTRADITE HUGHES FROM THE BAHAMAS.

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Mr. Kelley:

With regard to the attached UPI release, Mr. Shaneyfelt is one of the Document examiners we tragically lost within the past year. His competence and integrity are beyond question.

As you are aware, we have received some requests in the Hughes' case for advice concerning qualified Document examiners.

In each case, we have responded with the identities of several former Bureau Document examiners and several private sector examiners whom we know to be reputable.

I have no idea who the unnamed analyst is referred to in the last paragraph of the release. I do know that we have had one recently retired Document examiner who expressed an excessive interest in having his credentials referred to anyone inquiring for assistance in this area.

I thought you might be interested in this information.

J. Cochran

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BY MYRAM BORDERS

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IN TWO OTHER ATTACKS ON THE SAME DOCUMENT FRIDAY

A TENNESSEE HEIR-FINDER, W. A. JONES, OFFERED TO TURN OVER TO THE FBI A TAPE RECORDING OF HIS TALK WITH AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALLER, WHO SAID HE HELPED FORGE THE DOCUMENT AS A PRANK. THE FBI SAYING THERE IS DOUBT THE CASE FALLS UNDER FEDERAL JURISDICTION, TOLD HIM TO GIVE THE RECORDING TO CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY. JONES REPRESENTS A NUMBER OF HUGHES' DISTANT COUSINS.

ATTORNEY HARRY CLAIBORNE FILED A CHALLENGE TO THE FIRST WILL ON BEHALF OF NINE PERSONS RELATED TO HUGHES THROUGH HIS GREAT GRANDFATHER, JOSHUA HUGHES.

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AM-HUGHES 5-18

BY MYRAM BORDERS

LAS VEGAS, NEV. (UPI) -- A TENNESSEE GENEALOGIST SAID FRIDAY THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE THE FBI WITH TAPE RECORDINGS OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH A MAN WHO SAID A HOWARD HUGHES "WILL" FOUND AT THE MORMON CHURCH HEADQUARTERS WAS A FORGERY.

W.A. JONES, HIRED BY SEVERAL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE RELATED TO THE LATE BILLIONAIRE, SAID HE WANTED THE FBI TO INVESTIGATE "ALL OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE PHONY WILL."

THE CONVERSATIONS WERE DISCLOSED EARLIER THIS WEEK BY JONES WHO SAID THE MAN HAD CALLED HIS HEIR-FINDERS OFFICE IN NASHVILLE, TENN. FROM CANADA. JONES SAID THERE WERE FIVE PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE HOAX AND THEY AGREED TO TESTIFY DURING PROBATE HEARINGS IF GRANTED IMMUNITY.

AN FBI SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WAS A QUESTION OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION IN THE CASE AND JONES' EVIDENCE SHOULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

THE DOCUMENT, WHICH NAMED NOAH DIETRICH, A FORMER HUGHES AIDE, AS THE EXECUTOR OF THE WILL, WAS FOUND IN SALT LAKE CITY ON APRIL 27. A PROBATE HEARING WILL BE HELD MAY 21.

IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENTS:

--HAROLD RHODEN, AN ATTORNEY, AND CHARLES SACKS, A HANDWRITING EXPERT, EXAMINED THE "WILL" FRIDAY. THEY HAD BEEN HIRED BY DIETRICH.

--ROBERT C. TAYLOR, A LIAISON OFFICER FOR HUGHES IN THE LATE 1940S AND EARLY 1960S, SAID HE DOUBTED HUGHES EVER WROTE A WILL.

--AND TWO MORE ENVELOPES CONTAINING PURPORTED HUGHES TESTAMENTS TURNED UP IN THE MAIL AT THE CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BRINGING THE TOTAL OF SUCH DOCUMENTS TO EIGHT.

TAYLOR SAID: "I'M SURPRISED HE WOULD EVER GET AROUND TO WRITING A WILL. IT WAS CHARACTERISTIC OF HIM TO PUT SOMETHING OFF UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE."

ONE OF THE TWO NEW "WILLS" CAME FROM ENGLAND, AND IT CONTAINED A NOTE SIGNED BY "MARY CRATCHIT," THE SAME NAME AS THE MOTHER OF LITTLE TIM IN CHARLES DICKENS' "A CHRISTMAS CAROL." THE OTHER WAS POSTMARKED BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

THERE WERE A TOTAL OF SIX ON FILE WITH THE CLARK COUNTY CLERK AND TWO OTHERS HAVE SURFACED -- ONE RECEIVED BY THE NEW YORK TIMES FROM A JUDGE IN HOUSTON, TEX., AND THE OTHER RECEIVED FROM COLUMBUS, OHIO BY A DUPLICATE TO A WIRE POINTS.

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From: Director, FBI

HOWARD HUGHES
INFORMATION CONCERNING
MISSING PERSON

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Re Bureau telephone calls to Miami today.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *[initials]*

DATE: December 14, 1970

FROM : R. I. Shroder *[initials]*

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[initials] At 5:15 p.m. today, I called Supervisor [REDACTED] b7c
Las Vegas Office, acting for the SAC who is temporarily out of the office.
[REDACTED] was instructed that the interviews of [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] should be conducted immediately, after which attempts
should be made to obtain statements from both; and Las Vegas should
not wait for results of the interviews and/or polygraph examination
being conducted by the Clark County Sheriff's Office.

In addition [REDACTED] was instructed to send in a teletype
tonight setting forth the results of interview with these two individuals.

ACTION: This is submitted for record purposes.

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HOWARD HUGHES, INFORMATION CONCERNING - MISSING PERSON

RE LV TEL TO DIRECTOR DEC. FIFTEEN INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION AT LAS VEGAS TO LOCATE [REDACTED] AND

[REDACTED] BOTH EMPLOYED [REDACTED]

AT LAS VEGAS, NEGATIVE. [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY IN BAHAMAS
AT PRESENT TIME. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED] NOT YET
DETERMINED.

LEVANE FORSYTHE, WITNESS TO DEPARTURE OF INDIVIDUAL
BELIEVED TO BE HUGHES, TESTIFIED LAS VEGAS COURT HEARING TODAY
AND IS STILL UNDER EXAMINATION. FORSYTHE'S EXAMINATION EXPECTED
TO CONTINUE DEC. SIXTEEN. EX-103
CONTINUE DEC. SIXTEEN NEXT.

AIRTEL WITH COPIES OF STATEMENTS [REDACTED] AND HIS
ASSOCIATE [REDACTED] WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU AND MIAMI.

INVESTIGATION LAS VEGAS CONTINUING.

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HOWARD HUGHES, INFORMATION CONCERNING, MISSING PERSON

RENYTEL TWELVE SEVENTEEN LAST.

INFORMATION RECEIVED THIS DATE THAT

WHO LEFT BAHAMAS TWELVE SIXTEEN LAST PER MIAMI TEL THAT DATE
TRAVELED VIA PRIVATE JET TO LOS ANGELES AREA EXACT LOCATION
UNKNOWN AND RETURNED TO BAHAMAS ON TWELVE SEVENTEEN LAST.

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TO DIRECTOR (ATTN: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION)
FROM LAS VEGAS (62-582)

HOWARD HUGHES, INFORMATION CONCERNING - MISSING PERSON.

RE TELEPHONE CALL OF [REDACTED] DIVISION SIX, TO
LV, NINETEENTH INSTANT.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN LV TEL TO THE BUREAU, DEC.
EIGHTEEN LAST WAS FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]
SPECIFICALLY THE SENTENCE STARTING [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

IT IS NOT KNOWN AT LAS VEGAS IF THE CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT REPORTEDLY
CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF AT NELLIS AFB ON EVENING OF NOV. TWENTYFIVE
LAST WAS A HUGHES AIRCRAFT.

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TO DIRECTOR

LAS VEGAS

FROM SALT LAKE CITY 79-102 RUC

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HOWARD HUGHES, INFORMATION CONCERNING - MISSING PERSON.

RESUTEL TO BUREAU DECEMBER, EIGHTEENTH LAST AND BUCALL TODAY.

[REDACTED] DURING INTERVIEW, DECEMBER, EIGHTEENTH
LAST, ADVISED [REDACTED] UNKNOWN TO HIM AND HE WAS NOT
AWARE OF ANY ASSOCIATION BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND OTHER HUGHES PERSONAL
SECRETARIES.

[REDACTED] RECALLED DEPARTURE TIME OF HUGHES GROUP FROM
DESERT INN AS BEING APPROXIMATELY EIGHT THIRTY PM, NIGHT OF NOVEMBER
TWENTYFIVE LAST. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE COULD NOT RECALL EXACT TIME GROUP DEPARTED IN
LOCKHEED JET BUT KNEW A FLIGHT PLAN HAD BEEN FILED AND EXACT TIME
COULD BE ASCERTAINED FROM WELLS AFB OPERATIONS. FLIGHT THEN

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CC - [REDACTED]

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CONTINUED TO ALBUQUERQUE AND MASSAU AS INDICATED IN RETEL. GROUP
ARRIVED MASSAU SHORTLY AFTER TWO AM PACIFIC S.T.

[REDACTED] HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF INCIDENT DEPICTED BY
[REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR

LAS VEGAS

FROM MIAMI (62-6078)

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HOWARD HUGHES - INFORMATION CONCERNING, MISSING PERSON.

RE MIAMI TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU AND LAS VEGAS INSTANT

DATE. [REDACTED]

INTERVIEWED

BY BUAGENTS AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DID NOT MAKE TRIP FROM LAS VEGAS
TO BAHAMAS WITH HUGHES PARTY, TOOK NO PART IN
THE PLANNING FOR THE TRIP AND DID NOT LEARN DETAILS UNTILL

[REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW [REDACTED] OR

[REDACTED] AND KNOWS OF NO [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]

HUGHES TRIP TO BAHAMAS PLANNED FOR OVER A YEAR WITH GENERAL
DETAILS KNOWN BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ACTUAL

TRIP CHANGED AT LAST MINUTE AND KNOWN ONLY BY [REDACTED]

PERSONS TAKING PART IN TRIP [REDACTED]

FB - THREE ZERO TWO'S FOLLOW TO LAS VEGAS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

LAS VEGAS

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HOWARD HUGHES, INFORMATION CONCERNING - MISSING PERSON.

REBUTEL TODAY.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AT RESIDENCE LATE AFTERNOON
TODAY. WE ADVISED THAT HUGHES DESIRED TO REMOVE ROBERT MANEU
AS NO. ONE MAN IN NEVADA ENTERPRISES, BECAUSE OF MANEU'S LAVISH
SPENDING OVER PAST THREE YEARS, BUT CONSIDERED PLACING HIM IN
ANOTHER POSITION WITH LESS AUTHORITY. ON NOVEMBER FOURTEEN,
HUGHES SIGNED PROXY GIVING HUGHES TOOL ^{Company} CO. AUTHORITY TO VOTE HIS
STOCK. HE SAID HUGHES TALKED ABOUT MOVING FOURTEEN MONTHS AGO
AND RENTED ROOMS AT BRITANIA BEACH HOTEL AT NASSAU THEN, BUT
ONLY DECIDED TO LEAVE LAS VEGAS ABOUT THREE DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE.

ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE LAST HUGHES DECIDED TIME HAD COME TO
REMOVE MANEU [REDACTED] MANEU WOULD BE IRRATIONAL WHEN
HE RECEIVED NEWS AND HUGHES DID NOT WANT TO BE PRESENT.
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MR. SULLIVAN FOR THE DIRECTOR

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[REDACTED] HUGHES READ HANK GREENSPUN
ARTICLE ALLEGING HE WAS KIDAPPED AND ADVISED HUGHES TOOL
DIRECTOR THAT PROXY SHOULD BE EXECUTED IMMEDIATELY REMOVING NAME.
HUGHES PRESENTLY IN BAHAMAS WITH AIDS.

████████████████████ BECAUSE OF CONFIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION WITH
HUGHES, HE WOULD FURNISH SIGNED STATEMENT REGARDING ABOVE IF
ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, BUT PREFERRED NOT TO AT THIS TIME.

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SAID HE WOULD TESTIFY IF NECESSARY, INCLUDING DETAILS OF VAST
MANIPULATIONS OF A QUESTIONABLE NATURE BY MAHEU. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

FOR SECURITY REASONS AND PROTECTION OF HUGHES IN FUTURE
MOVES, HE REQUESTED ABOVE NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE BUREAU.

IN ABSENCE OF INFORMATION INDICATING VIOLATION UNDER BUREAU
JURISDICTION, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

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CC: MR. WALTERS

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FROM LAS VEGAS (62-582)

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REMYTEL DECEMBER EIGHTEEN LAST AND LAS VEGAS TELCALL TO

BUREAU INSTANT DATE.

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IDENTIFYING NUMBERS OF THIS AIRCRAFT ALSO UNKNOWN.

THIS IS FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU. PURSUANT TO RE TEL-
CALL CONVERSATION, LAS VEGAS TAKING NO ACTION IN THE ABSENCE OF
SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS.

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CC: MR. WALTERS and Mr. Bishop

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TO : Mr. Sullivan *JS*

DATE: December 15, 1970

FROM : A. Rosen *JS*

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1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale

SUBJECT: HOWARD HUGHES
INFORMATION CONCERNING -
MISSING PERSON

BP

In connection with the power struggle for control of Howard Hughes' Nevada interests, Las Vegas has interviewed [REDACTED] who claims to have been present in the parking lot of Hughes' hotel the night an individual he believes identical to Hughes departed. [REDACTED] furnished substantially the same information that was previously given us by [REDACTED] with the exception [REDACTED] advised the incident took place at about 2:00 a. m., November 27, 1970, [REDACTED] now states after checking his records he believes the departure was during the early morning of November 26, 1970.

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In summary, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he observed five cars in the immediate area. At about 1:40 a. m. on November 26, 1970, he observed four men exit from the hotel. Two men dressed in business suits appeared to be supporting an individual in the middle who was possibly dressed in a bathrobe. As the group reached an automobile, he noted the man being assisted saying in a loud voice, "Will someone get Bob Maheu or Pat Hyland." (Hyland is head of Hughes Aircraft Company in California). [REDACTED] did not interpret this as a call for assistance, but thought the men named were part of the party.

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The entire group then entered the previously parked five automobiles [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] could only furnish vague descriptions of the persons seen by him and no conversation was involved [REDACTED]

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Inasmuch as the interview [redacted] substantiated the information originally furnished by [redacted] efforts were made by our Las Vegas Office to locate [redacted] and [redacted] in accordance with instructions received that they should be interviewed if the information from [redacted] confirmed. Our Las Vegas Office has been unable to develop any specific information as to the whereabouts of [redacted] and [redacted] except that they may be in the Bahamas with Hughes.

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HOWARD HUGHES, INFORMATION CONCERNING - MISSING PERSON

RE LV TEL DATED DECEMBER ELEVEN LAST.

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10/26/81 BY SP1 ESK/me

AND

INTERVIEWED

AT LENGTH BY BUAGENTS DEC. FOURTEEN AT LAS VEGAS.

AND LIKELY TO TESTIFY IN COURT
PROCEEDINGS NOW PENDING IN CIVIL MATTER INVOLVING POWER STRUGGLE
FOR CONTROL OF HUGHES INTERESTS BETWEEN CHESTER DAVIS-FRANK GAY
AND ROBERT MAHEU.

FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION
AS RELATED IN RETEL IN WHAT HE BELIEVES TO
BE THE DEPARTURE OF HUGHES FROM LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.

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HOWEVER, CERTAIN CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO HIS STORY 12 DEC 20 WERE
WERE MADE. FIRST, HE REVIEWED HIS RECORDS AND ADVISED

THE DEPARTURE OF INDIVIDUAL HE BELIEVED
TO BE HUGHES ALL OCCURRED ONE DAY EARLIER THAN ORIGINALLY FURNISHED
WHICH WOULD COINCIDE WITH NEWS REPORTS OF HUGHES DEPARTURE.

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[REDACTED] OBSERVED AT LEAST FOUR OTHERS APPARENTLY SIMILARLY INVOLVED AS WELL AS FIVE CARS PARKED PARALLEL NEAR EDGE OF ROAD THROUGH NORTH PARKING LOT. AT ABOUT ONE FORTY A.M. NOV. TWENTY-SIX, HE OBSERVED THREE MEN EXIT FROM COVERED ENTRANCE AREA NORTH OF MENS APPAREL SHOP IN DESERT INN. IT IS NOTED THIS IS NOT A COMMONLY USED EXIT BUT IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND IS THE SHORTEST ROUTE TO TRAVEL FROM THE ELEVATOR BANKS SERVING THE DESERT INN HIGHRISE BUILDING AND THE NORTH PARKING LOT. TWO MEN DRESSED IN BUSINESS SUITS APPEARED TO BE SUPPORTING THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE MIDDLE WHO APPEARED TO BE DRESSED IN A BATHROBE.

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HE CANNOT STATE WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL BEING ASSISTED WAS WEARING PAJAMAS OR SLACKS BUT DID BELIEVE HE WAS WEARING SHOES. HIS POSITION AT THAT TIME WAS APPROXIMATELY FORTY TO FIFTY FEET FROM THE NEAREST CAR AND HE CANNOT FURNISH DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF THIS GROUP OF THREE MEN. HE NOTED THAT A FOURTH MAN WAS WALKING RAPIDLY AS THOUGH TRYING TO CATCH UP WITH THE GROUP. HIS DESCRIPTION OF FOURTH MAN NOT DETAILED INDICATING ONLY THAT HE WAS WMA, FULL HEAD OF HAIR, HIGH FOREHEAD, HAIR COMBED STRAIGHT BACK, AGE APPROXIMATELY FORTY AND SOMEWHAT SHORTER THAN ANY OF THE OTHER THREE.

AS THE GROUP REACHED THE THIRD CAR IN LINE HE NOTED THE MAN BEING ASSISTED TURN TO HIS LEFT AND SAY IN A LOUD VOICE, "WILL SOMEONE GET BOB MAKEU OR PAT NYLAND?" NO ONE RESPONDED AND [REDACTED] DID NOT FEEL THIS WAS A CALL FOR ASSISTANCE OR HELP AND THOUGHT THAT THE MEN NAMED WERE PART OF THE PARTY. b7d

ON INSTRUCTIONS THE GROUP GOT INTO THE CARS ASSIGNED AND
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